

REMARKS

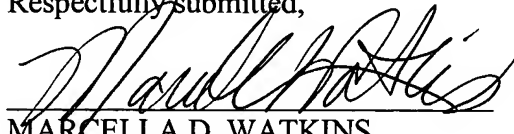
Subsequent to filing of the application papers, it came to the attention of the applicant that a figure set containing less than all of the figures had unintentionally been filed. Applicants have determined, however, that the omitted figures are not necessary to an understanding of the invention in view of the information contained in the text as-filed. Therefore, applicants have elected to maintain the filing date of February 10, 2004. In order to bring the specification into conformity with the figures as filed, the specification is hereby amended to delete reference to the omitted figures and to adjust the numbering of the figures.

In addition, replacement drawings are filed concurrently herewith, in order to address the requirement that excessive text be deleted. The deleted captions have been inserted into the specification via the present amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the present amendments are made merely to correct apparent inconsistencies between the Drawings as-filed and the rest of the specification as-filed and therefore do not constitute new matter.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter into the record the above amendments prior to examination on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions regarding these amendments, he is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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